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Idaho Milk Production Up 7.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during July 2001 totaled 696 million pounds, up 7.7 percent from the same month last year and 5.5 percent more than June 2001. Revised production for June 2001 totaled 660 million pounds, 1.1 percent more than the preliminary estimate and 6.8 percent above June 2000. Average milk production per cow in July 2001 was 1,850 pounds, 30 pounds more than July 2000 and 70 pounds above June 2001. The average number of milk cows in July was 376,000 head, 21,000 more than in July 2000 and 5,000 head more than last month.

Nationally, July milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.1 billion pounds, down 1.2 percent from production in these same States in July 2000. June revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 0.2 percent from June 2000. Production per cow in the in the 20 major States averaged 1,555 pounds for July 2001, 6 pounds below July 2000. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 72,000 head less than July 2000, but unchanged from June 2001.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, July 2000-2001

| State | Milk Cows 1/ | | Milk Per Cow 2/ | | Milk Production 2/ | | 2001 As Percent of 2000 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 | |
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> | | <i>Pounds</i> | | <i>Million Pounds</i> | | |
| Arizona | 140 | 140 | 1,735 | 1,740 | 243 | 244 | 100 |
| California | 1,525 | 1,590 | 1,825 | 1,775 | 2,783 | 2,822 | 101 |
| Florida | 157 | 154 | 1,210 | 1,250 | 190 | 193 | 102 |
| IDAHO | 355 | 376 | 1,820 | 1,850 | 646 | 696 | 108 |
| Illinois | 120 | 115 | 1,430 | 1,405 | 172 | 162 | 94 |
| Indiana | 145 | 154 | 1,364 | 1,405 | 198 | 216 | 109 |
| Iowa | 215 | 208 | 1,540 | 1,475 | 331 | 307 | 93 |
| Kentucky | 133 | 130 | 1,015 | 1,060 | 135 | 138 | 102 |
| Michigan | 302 | 303 | 1,620 | 1,615 | 489 | 489 | 100 |
| Minnesota | 535 | 510 | 1,455 | 1,425 | 778 | 727 | 93 |
| Missouri | 154 | 146 | 1,210 | 1,055 | 186 | 154 | 83 |
| New Mexico | 252 | 265 | 1,730 | 1,790 | 436 | 474 | 109 |
| New York | 685 | 673 | 1,490 | 1,510 | 1,021 | 1,016 | 100 |
| Ohio | 263 | 258 | 1,420 | 1,420 | 373 | 366 | 98 |
| Pennsylvania | 619 | 600 | 1,500 | 1,510 | 929 | 906 | 98 |
| Texas | 349 | 322 | 1,235 | 1,210 | 431 | 390 | 90 |
| Vermont | 160 | 152 | 1,475 | 1,495 | 236 | 227 | 96 |
| Virginia | 120 | 118 | 1,265 | 1,270 | 152 | 150 | 99 |
| Washington | 247 | 247 | 1,965 | 1,955 | 485 | 483 | 100 |
| Wisconsin | 1,345 | 1,288 | 1,480 | 1,470 | 1,991 | 1,893 | 95 |
| 20 STATE TOTAL | 7,821 | 7,749 | 1,561 | 1,555 | 12,205 | 12,053 | 99 |

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

IDAHO RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 7 PERCENT

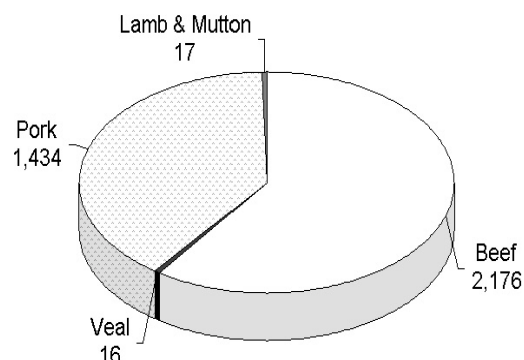
Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for July 2001 totaled 53.1 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year. July production was down 7 percent from June's 57.0 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-July 2001 period totaled 360 million pounds, up 8 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.64 billion pounds in July, down slightly from the 3.65 billion pounds produced in July 2000. Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 1 percent from July 2000. The average live weight was 1,216 pounds, down 4 pounds from the previous year. Pork production totaled 1.43 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.45 million head, 1 percent above July 2000. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 260 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 17 million pounds, was up 8 percent from July 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 242,200 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 10 pounds from July a year ago. January-July red meat production was 25.9 billion pounds, 2 percent below the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 4 percent lower than last year, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 5 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production 1/

United States, July 2001

Million Pounds



1/ Based on Packers Dressed Weights and Excludes Farm Slaughter

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Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States^{1/}

| State | July 2000 | June 2001 | July 2001 | July 2001 As Percent Of 2/ | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | | July 2000 | June 2001 |
| | <i>Million Pounds</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> | |
| California | 83.0 | 91.7 | 91.2 | 110 | 100 |
| Colorado | 182.0 | 191.6 | 179.3 | 99 | 94 |
| IDAHO | 49.4 | 57.0 | 53.1 | 107 | 93 |
| Illinois | 208.9 | 210.6 | 200.7 | 96 | 95 |
| Iowa | 436.4 | 455.9 | 443.6 | 102 | 97 |
| Kansas | 522.2 | 475.5 | 466.9 | 89 | 98 |
| Minnesota | 150.1 | 166.6 | 165.1 | 110 | 99 |
| Montana | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 65 | 85 |
| Nebraska | 584.6 | 618.0 | 586.4 | 100 | 95 |
| Nevada | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 98 | 117 |
| Oklahoma | 74.5 | 73.1 | 72.6 | 97 | 99 |
| Oregon | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 105 | 104 |
| South Dakota | 75.1 | 74.2 | 76.1 | 101 | 103 |
| Texas | 404.1 | 423.9 | 412.6 | 102 | 97 |
| Utah | 41.6 | 44.7 | 44.7 | 108 | 100 |
| Washington | 62.7 | 65.3 | 60.4 | 96 | 93 |
| Wyoming | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 112 | 113 |
| UNITED STATES | 3,645.1 | 3,758.2 | 3,642.9 | 100 | 97 |

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data. * Revised

Idaho Cattle On Feed Up 11 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on August 1, 2001 totaled 310,000 head, up 11 percent from the August 1, 2000 inventory of 280,000 head. The inventory was down 3 percent from the number on hand as of July 1, 2001.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 60,000 head, up 4,000 head from July 2000 placements. Marketings during July totaled 69,000 head, up 4,000 head from July 2000 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.89 million head on August 1, 2001.

The inventory was 7 percent above August 1, 2000 and 18 percent above August 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.99 million, 4 percent above 2000 and 10 percent above 1999. Net placements were 1.93 million.

During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 469,000, 600-699 pounds were 444,000, 700-799 pounds were 606,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 467,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.05 million, 2 percent below 2000 and 3 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during July, 34 percent above 2000 and 13 percent above 1999.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

| State | August 1, 2000 | July 1, 2001 | August 1, 2001 | | |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | Number | As % of 2000 | As % of July |
| | ---1,000 Head--- | | ---Percent--- | | |
| Arizona | 262 | 291 | 297 | 113 | 102 |
| California | 420 | 470 | 475 | 113 | 101 |
| Colorado | 1,050 | 1,110 | 1,060 | 101 | 95 |
| Idaho | 280 | 320 | 310 | 111 | 97 |
| Iowa | 330 | 345 | 325 | 98 | 94 |
| Kansas | 2,190 | 2,350 | 2,420 | 111 | 103 |
| Nebraska | 1,840 | 1,900 | 1,810 | 98 | 95 |
| New Mexico | 93 | *98 | 101 | 109 | 103 |
| Oklahoma | 355 | 390 | 390 | 110 | 100 |
| South Dakota | 126 | 175 | 154 | 122 | 88 |
| Texas | 2,720 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 110 | 100 |
| Washington | 194 | 227 | 229 | 118 | 101 |
| Other States | 320 | 335 | 320 | 100 | 96 |
| United States | 10,180 | *11,001 | 10,891 | 107 | 99 |

* Revised. 1/Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Frozen Potato Stocks Up 6 Percent from 2000

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on July 31, 2001, totaled 983 million pounds, a 9 percent decrease from June 30, 2001, but 6 percent above July 31, 2000. Other frozen potatoes, at 269 million pounds, decreased 1 percent from June stocks but increased 6 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on July 31, 2001, totaled 145 million pounds, down 2 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 6 percent from July 31, 2000. Of this 145 million pounds, the government owned 820 thousand pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 504 million pounds, down 5 percent from June 30, 2001. The government owned 1.60 million pounds.

| Commodity | July 31, 2000 | June 30, 2001 | July 31, 2001 | 2001 2000 |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | | | | <i>Percent</i> |
| POTATOES: | | | | |
| French Fries | 926,992 | 1,083,484 | 982,839 | 106 |
| Other Frozen | 253,309 | 271,650 | 269,179 | 106 |
| Total | 1,180,301 | 1,355,134 | 1,252,018 | 106 |
| DAIRY | | | | |
| Butter, Total | 136,928 | 147,877 | 145,437 | 106 |
| (Gov't Owned) | 391 | 829 | 820 | 210 |
| Natural Cheese | | | | |
| American, Total | 628,284 | 529,765 | 504,487 | 80 |
| (Gov't Owned) | 163 | 1,734 | 1,600 | 982 |

Farm Labor in July

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 34,000 hired workers on farms and ranches the week of July 8-14, 2001, down 8 percent from the 37,000 workers the week of July 9-15, 2000. Hired workers worked an average of 46.0 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$7.61 per hour, up 29 cents from last year.

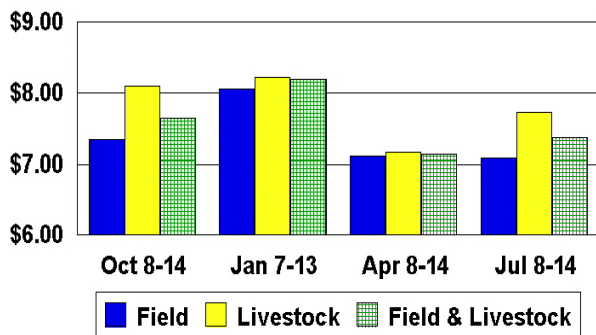
There were 1.37 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of July 8-14, 2001, virtually the same as a year ago. There were 1.04 million workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 335,000 workers.

Migrant workers accounted for 11.1 percent of the July hired workforce compared with 11.5 percent in July 2000.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$8.29 per hour during the July 2001 survey week, up 36 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$7.70 per hour, up 33 cents from last July. Livestock workers earned \$7.89 per hour compared with \$7.68 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate at \$7.75 was up 32 cents from last year.

WAGE RATES BY TYPE OF WORKER
2000-2001 Mountain Region 1/

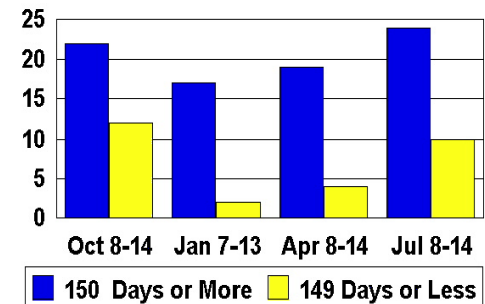
Dollars per Hour



1/ Idaho, Montana, Wyoming
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WORKERS ON FARMS
2000-2001 Mountain Region 1/

Thousand Workers



1/ Idaho, Montana, Wyoming
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